

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON December 29, 2020.

With limited public access to the courthouse due to COVID-19, this meeting was held telephonically with the public able to participate on a limited basis. This complies with Iowa Code section 21.8 that outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is “impossible or impractical”.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with members Greg Barnett and Rusty Eddy present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment received. Eddy noted the passing of Tom Teeple who was known to many and very active in the county and Barnett thanked Bethany Carson, Mid America Publishing for her coverage of the Board meetings.

Director of Public Health, Jennifer Becker reported 59 new cases of COVID-19 with 20 recoveries, 5 hospitalized, one additional death and an 11.3% positivity rate. She also reported that they received an additional 300 doses of the vaccine. They began vaccinating health care workers yesterday, November 28th.

Chairman Heidenwirth administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor District 1 Greg Barnett, Auditor Leslie Groen, Sheriff Johnson and the newly appointed County Attorney Dave Kuehner.

After discussion of discontinuation of telephonic meetings, it was moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to continue holding their meetings telephonically at least until COVID restrictions are lifted. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan Siems, representing the Parkersburg Fire Department, asked if the Board would urge Sheriff Johnson and Emergency Management Chris Showalter to hold a meeting with him regarding radio communication issues between Dispatch and the Parkersburg Fire Department. The supervisors stated that they don't have any control over such issues, but they will encourage the Sheriff to set up a meeting.

After review of claims, it was moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of manure management update plans submitted by Gabe Finisher Farm and RB Mulder Finisher Farm.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 A.M. to Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on December 29, 2020.

Attest:

Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors